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method interrogates said authorization verification device for the purpose of starting the vehicle drive unit independently of the said dialogue for establishing access authorization.

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14. The method according to claim 13, wherein said interrogation occurs during a start of the operation of the vehicle drive unit.

15. The method according to claim 13, wherein said interrogation occurs during and/or after concluding the operation of the vehicle drive unit.

16. The method according to claim 14, wherein the interrogation also occurs during and/or after concluding the operation of the vehicle drive unit.

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The method according to claim 15, wherein if an interrogation is unsuccessful after the start of the operation of the vehicle drive unit, the method mechanically unlocks a vehicle-fixed memory to provide an access authorization code.

18. The method according to claim 16, wherein if an interrogation is unsuccessful after the start of the operation

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of the vehicle drive unit, the method mechanically unlocks a vehicle-fixed memory to provide an access authorization code.

19. The method according to claim 17, further comprising the act conspicuously informing the user of the mechanical unlocking of the vehicle-fixed memory.

20. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the act conspicuously informing the user of the mechanical unlocking of the vehicle-fixed memory.

21. The method according to claim 19, wherein the act of conspicuously informing provides a visual and/or acoustical signal.

22. The method according to claim 20, wherein the act of conspicuously informing provides a visual and/or acoustical signal.

23. The method according to claim 19, further comprising the act of ejecting said vehicle-fixed memory from a storage location when the vehicle drive unit is switched-off.

24. The method according to claim 21, further comprising the act of ejecting said vehicle-fixed memory from a storage location when the vehicle drive unit is switched-off.

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25. A system for carrying out a method of operating a vehicle, in which access authorization is determined in a dialogue between a control device, fixed in the vehicle, and an authorization verification device carried by a user, said authorization verification device also being used for starting a vehicle drive unit, wherein said authorization verification device is interrogated for the purpose of starting the vehicle drive unit independently of said dialogue for establishing access authorization, said system comprising:

an activating unit for the vehicle drive unit, said activating unit starting the vehicle drive unit; and

a vehicle-fixed memory forming a part of said activating unit for the vehicle drive unit, said vehicle-fixed memory being mechanically unlocked from the activating unit if an interrogation of said authorization verification device is unsuccessful after starting the vehicle drive unit.

26. The system according to claim 25, wherein said vehicle-fixed memory fits into the activating unit.